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In re Application of: Edgren et al.

Serial No.: 09/469,399

Filed: 12/22/99

For: Gastric Retention Dosage Form Having
Multiple Layers


Examiner: E. Choi

Group Art Unit: 1616

Attorney Docket No.: ARC2885R1

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The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on February 21, 2003. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time for response are filed simultaneously herewith.

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
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1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	930.00
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or release)	
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1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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Dear Examiner Choi:

Attached hereto is an Amendment (13 pages) in response to an Office Action outstanding in the referenced application. Accompanying the amendment are a Transmittal Form (1 page), a Fee Transmittal (1 page), and a Petition for Extension of Time (1 page).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Samuel Webb".

Samuel Webb
Patent Attorney